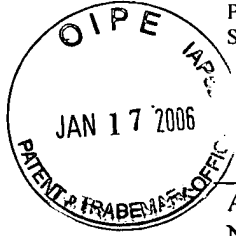


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In response to the Office Action mailed 10/18/2005, Applicants petition for entry and consideration of the following Remarks and Amendment.

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The amendments set forth herein are provided solely to clarify the invention as filed and set forth in the pending claims in order to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The amendments are not intended to limit the invention or preclude the application of equivalents which Applicants may be entitled to under law.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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